Projected Occupational Shortages 2017-2020: Massachusetts

Top 5 Occupations Most at Risk of Labor Shortages, 2017-2020

1. Computer Occupations
2. Health Diagnosing and Treating Practitioners
3. Sales, Representatives, Wholesale, and Manufacturing
4. Advertising, Marketing, PR, and Sales Managers
5. Life Scientists

Relative Size of Occupational Shortage

Computer Occupations is projected to be the most at risk for labor shortages in Massachusetts. Life scientists are projected to experience about half of the shortage of Computer Occupations.

Percentage of Projected Job Postings (Demand)

Health Diagnosing and Treating Practitioners accounts for nearly 15 percent of Massachusetts’ projected job openings.

Percentage of 50+ in Each Occupation Currently

Health Diagnosing and Treating Practitioners currently has the highest percentage of 50+ workers among shortage occupations in Massachusetts (5.2%).

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